

## In Loving Memory



Janet Krause

7.19.1942—1.11.2026



Ruth Krugler

3.1.1932—1.13.2026



Krista Fuhrman

8.27.1963—1.12.2026

This month, our community pauses to honor and remember three cherished residents who have passed on. Each of them held a special place within our walls, and their presence helped shape the heart of our community. Their stories, smiles, and quiet moments will remain with us, woven into the memories we carry forward. While we feel the ache of their absence, we also find comfort in knowing they have found their forever home—a place of peace, rest, and wholeness.

Though they are no longer with us in body, their spirit lives on in the love they shared, the laughter they sparked, and the connections they formed. “Those we love don’t go away; they walk beside us every day—unseen, unheard, but always near.”

## Bell Tower Residence NEWSLETTER



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Set on 12 beautifully landscaped acres with over 68,000 square feet of living and common spaces, Bell Tower is a friendly assisted living community where residents feel at home and live life well with purpose and dignity. We offer private apartments, religious services, activities, outings, delicious home-cooked meals and our caring and compassionate staff are always nearby to help.

For more information or to schedule a tour, please reach out to our Admissions Coordinator, Mikaela Plautz at [mplautz@carriagehealthcare.com](mailto:mplautz@carriagehealthcare.com)



A Newsletter for Residents and Friends,  
about *Life* at Bell Tower  
- February 2026 -

## Bell Tower Residence

### A Remarkable Year

A Remarkable Year for the Bell Tower Capital Campaign

This past year has been nothing short of extraordinary for the Bell Tower Capital Campaign. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our families, foundations, and the wider community, we raised just over \$1.8 million in support of Bell Tower. We are truly blessed and deeply humbled by the outpouring of encouragement, trust, and financial support that made this achievement possible.

Because of you, we are now moving forward with much-needed repairs and upgrades to our campus. These improvements will strengthen our facilities, enhance safety and comfort, and most importantly, help increase the quality of care our residents receive every day. Each gift, large or small, is an investment in the dignity, well-being, and future of those who call Bell Tower home.

While we are celebrating this incredible milestone, our work is not quite finished. We are still accepting donations as we strive to reach our \$2 million goal. Every additional contribution will allow us to complete more projects and further enhance the environment where our residents live and receive care. We invite those who have not yet participated, or who wish to give again, to join us in crossing this final stretch together.

This campaign has been a powerful reminder of what can be accomplished when a community comes together with a shared purpose. We are excited for the work ahead and grateful for every person who has supported Bell Tower along the way.

The success of this campaign is a true reflection of the love and commitment our community has for Bell Tower. Because of this support, we can continue to provide exceptional care and create an environment where our residents can truly thrive.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for standing with Bell Tower and helping shape a brighter future for our residents.

-Elizabeth Grubb



## Bell Tower Wish List:

- Roku TV for each neighborhood
- Sponsor a Zumba Class
- Sponsor a Birthday Cake
- Natural Color Nail Polish
- Sponsor Live Music
- Purchased Bingo Prizes
- Sensory Games
- Resident Social Hour Supplies
- Purchase Chocolate for Bingo
- Craft Kits
- 100 Pc Puzzles
- Puzzle Tables
- Board Games
- Craft Supplies

### Amazon Wish List:

<https://a.co/eiAYOWM>

## Salon Closure Update

Please be advised that our on-site salon will be **temporarily closed starting February 20th**. At this time, we anticipate the salon will reopen within **4-6 weeks**.

We understand the salon is an important service for many of our residents, and we appreciate your patience during this temporary closure. We will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available and will notify everyone as soon as a reopening date is confirmed.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

## How to Beat the Winter Blues

Will Summer ever return? How to beat the winter blues!

Brighten your mood with light and color. Swap out that gray or navy for yellow and orange. Seeing bright colors on a gloomy day can cheer up both you and those around you.

Stay social and active. For those that like the cold embrace your winter sports and outdoor activities, for those of us who don't watch a comedy or play a board game with family and friends. Laughter is proven to decrease stress and instantly lighten your face.

Make sure to nurture your body and mind. Now is a great time to write down three good things that happened every day. This simple habit can improve happiness levels and decrease those "blues" symptoms. Make sure that you stay hydrated with warm herbal teas or soups which are often more comforting than plain water during these cold months.

Also turn up the music! Listening to upbeat and cheery music significantly improves mood in both the short and long term.

Lets make it to summer! -Holly Burgener, DON

## Dietary Updates

We're excited to share that our salad bar is back! Each week, the salad bar will rotate to a different neighborhood, ensuring that all residents have the opportunity to enjoy it once a week. This addition reflects our ongoing commitment to providing fresh, enjoyable dining options.

We also welcome residents to attend the Dietary Discussion on February 12th, where you may share any questions, concerns, or feedback directly with our team. Additionally, our Dietary Department is actively hiring new team members and providing thorough training to ensure we continue delivering high-quality service and care.

## Staff Birthdays

1st- Samantha K  
5th- Samantha B  
6th- Nicole G  
9th- Eva H  
11th- Allen L  
25th- Alexa V  
27th- Paula S



## Staff Anniversaries

3 years- Cynthia H

## Resident Birthdays

4th- Arliss K  
15th- Carolyn K

## Resident Anniversaries

1 year- Roger B  
1 year- S. Mary Zita  
1 year- Margery P  
2 years- Martha B  
2 years- Ellanora B  
3 years- Marilyn F  
4 years- Joyce K  
4 years- S. Mary Angie  
6 years- Joelle M  
9 years- Charlette S



## Staff Spotlight

Our Dementia Educator (Lynn Erickson) supports staff by providing education, guidance, and hands-on coaching in dementia care. This role combines training with real time support on the floor, helping caregivers understand behaviors, improve communication, and use person-centered approaches that enhance resident dignity, safety, and quality of life. The Dementia Educator is a resource for questions, problem solving, and ongoing learning, working alongside staff to build confidence, teamwork, and compassionate care.

## Welcome to Bell Tower



We are so glad you are here! Welcome to our Bell Tower Family!  
Bell Tower is still searching for Care Givers for all Shifts!

## February Employee of the Month

Congratulations to Allen Lallement on being selected to be Bell Towers Employee of the Month for February. This was well deserved, and we are glad to have you a part of our team!



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